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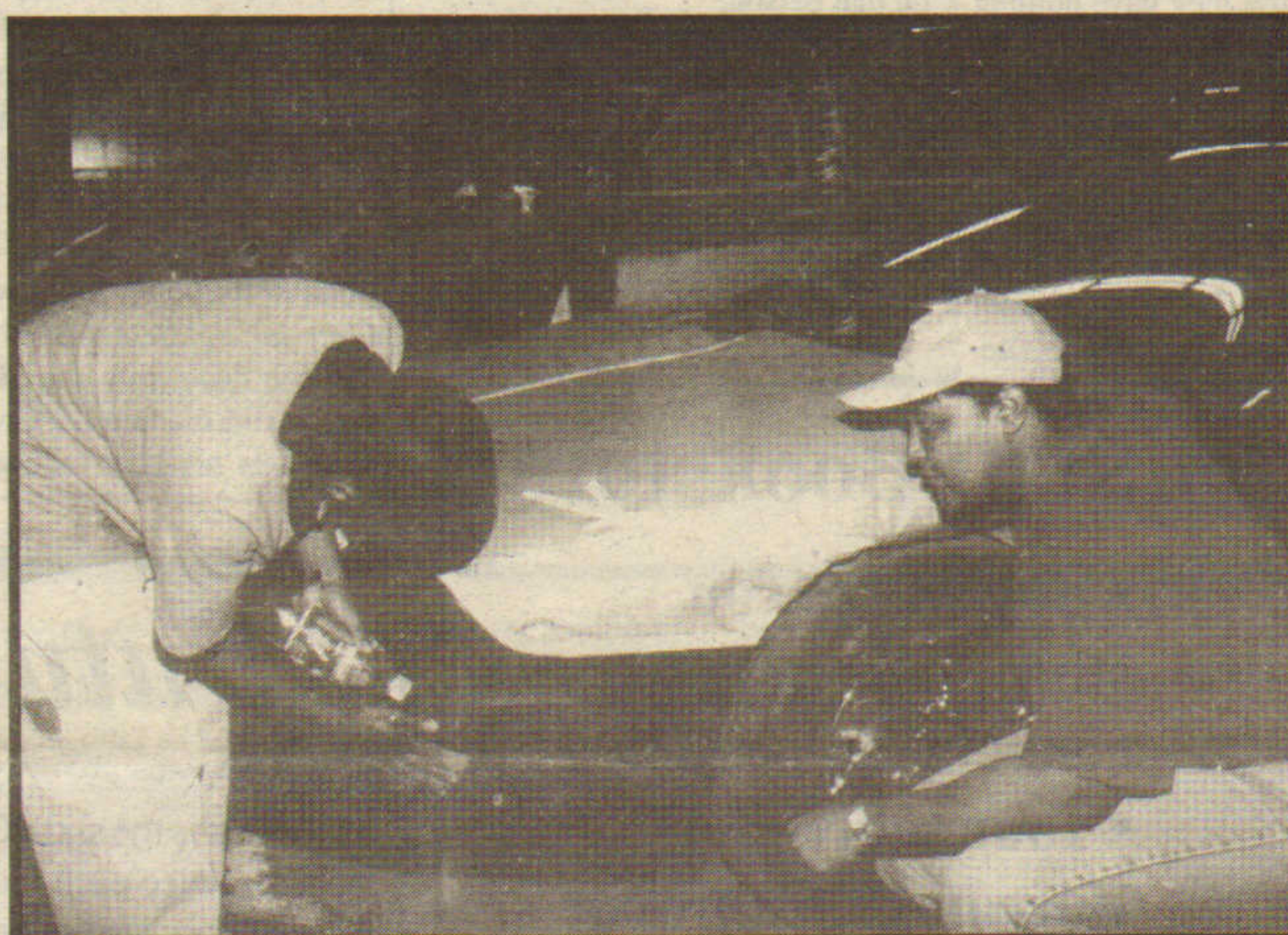
What's up with Fredd?

Shelton State has a big, beautiful physical plant with the Martin Campus, but it also has an older sister facility across town

By Brian Abrasley

Shelton State's Fredd campus has been around for a great while, and has experienced several name changes.

The campus began in 1963 as the Tuscaloosa State Trade School; in 1974 it became the Tuscaloosa State Technical College, and in 1976 was dubbed the C.A. Fredd State Technical College. Its consolidation with Shelton State was completed in 1994. According to President Rick Rogers, the C.A. Fredd campus is a vital growing part of the



Auto body instructor Georita Griffin works with student Delvin Johnson on the Fredd state campus

Tuscaloosa community as well as the Shelton State community.

The Fredd campus is also designated as one of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities by the United States government. As a part of the HBCU, the Fredd campus can further its commitment to promoting educational access and opportunity for all students in a culturally diverse community. Being a part of the HBCU makes for great possibilities for enhancing the community and the school as a whole.

As an HBCU, this campus continues to serve its surrounding community, which is predominately black. Because of the HBCU the school qualifies for grants to help special groups overcome disadvantages. Being part of the HBCU is of great historical value for the community." Fredd State is a great institution, serving a very special purpose for very special people," says Cordell Wynn, special

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Old pros hold down the fort during academic dean search

By John Paul Herdzik

Under the leadership of the new presidency of Dr. Rick Rogers the college has begun a new organizational plan. In the old structure the instructional area was divided into two divisions with an Academic dean and a Technical dean. Under the new plan there will be one Dean of Instruction with two associate deans—one for technical instruction and one for academic instruction. Dr. Bruce Bizocco remains an Associate of Instruction.

While the college searches for a new Dean of Instruction, three long-term "old



Dr. Bruce Bizocco is the associate dean for Instructional services

pros" of the college have taken over the reins of academic services. These three long-term instructors and administrators are Camille Cochrane, Linda Grote and Lyda Black. They have worked overtime to learn the ropes of administering from the deans level—as well as continuing their duties as division chairs. "I have been very pleased with the work ethic of Linda, Camille and Lyda," says President Rogers. "They have all shown tremendous leadership during this time of transition for the college. They have been truly outstanding in the representation of the college."

Regarding his role, Bizocco said, "I am very pleased and excited about this new challenge. Dr. Rogers has indicated that it is time to move the college to the next level, and I want to do all I can to help the college and its students, staff, and faculty reach their goals."

Linda Grote has been at Shelton State since 1981. Grote teaches speech and history at Shelton. Grote also serves as one of the interim associate deans of academic services.

Grote received her undergraduate degree in 1965 from Samford University in Birmingham. Grote received her master's degree from the University of Alabama.

"I wanted to be as versatile as I could

when I came here that was one of the reasons for teaching both history and speech," says Grote. Grote developed an interest in history when minoring in the subject in college. Grote says, "I found a strong connection between history and speech and that is what interested me."

For about 10 years Grote has been the division chair for social sciences, speech and fine arts. The division chair helps with schedules, curriculum, and facilitates needs of students and faculty.

"The future of Shelton is exciting because of the campus and a new, dynamic, young president who has great aspirations for the college." Grote said, "We are where we are because of a history of good leadership at Shelton." Mrs. Grote is a co-advisor for Phi-Theta Kappa, Shelton's two-year honor program. She helps with active chapter projects at Shelton State.

Camille Cochrane has been at Shelton State since 1979. Cochrane is the chairman of the math department and also teaches math. Shelton offers developmental math

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Gun control is an issue we'll hear from again

By Blake Kelley

Gun control produces very heated arguments. In the South people feel more strongly about protecting themselves than any other part of the country. This means more people own guns in the south—sometimes leading to more accidents or more crime.

I am an avid deer hunter and I own several guns. If my guns were taken away so would my favorite hobby. And I'm not the only one. According to *Field and Stream* magazine there are nine to ten more percent of people hunting than there was twelve years ago.

Still, the fact remains there are a lot of guns out there. The NRA (National Rifle Association)

has made it clear that they think there is no harm in owning guns for whatever reason, but if a person commits a crime with a gun he or she should be severely punished. In Richmond, Va., criminals who commit crimes with guns, but are now out of prison will not own a gun in fear of going back to prison.

People who do not have a criminal record should be able to own guns. Convenience store workers should be required to have a gun. Too many clerks get killed or robbed because they have nothing to protect themselves with.

According to Peter Jennings World Report, only one percent of all crimes are committed with a gun. Should America really try to stop the selling of guns, especially hand-guns for that one percent? Many Americans feel they should.

The first thing that has to be done is figuring out a way to control the illegal guns. Very few crimes committed with guns are with those guns that are registered.

This question has been and will be debated for a long time. I feel the same way as a majority of people in the South: Guns should be legal for hunting and protection as long as the person does not have a criminal record. Also, if a person commits a crime with a gun the toughest penalty should be inflicted on that person.

With the imminent settlement of the presidential election, the U.S. will revisit some of the thorny issues it put aside in recent months. None of them will be more difficult than the issue of gun control.

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"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



Cruising the ecliptic

December will be an excellent month to locate the ecliptic in the night time sky, since we have three planets—Venus, Saturn, and Jupiter in the sky that are easy to locate!

The ecliptic is the plane that the planets are in as they orbit the sun. When this plane is extended out to the sky, it forms a circle that runs through twelve constellations. We refer to these constellations as the zodiac, and from Earth's view, three objects will always be some where on the ecliptic—the other planets, our moon and the sun.

To locate the ecliptic simply observe the sky shortly after sunset. Venus will be the bright object above where the sun sets, and it is

in the constellation—Sagittarius—which is shaped like a teapot.

Since Saturn and Jupiter are in opposition, they will be coming up in the east when the sun sets. Jupiter is the largest planet and the brighter of the two. Both planets are in the constellation Taurus, the bull, which is shaped like a large "V."

Draw an imaginary line from Jupiter and Saturn in the east to Venus in the west, and it will follow the ecliptic. Starting with Taurus in the east this line will pass through the following constellations: Aries, Pisces, Aquarius, Capricornus, and Sagittarius where Venus is located.

During the first of December, it will be fun to watch the moon

move on the ecliptic from waxing crescent, to first quarter on the fourth, then waxing gibbous to full moon on the eleventh. It takes the moon approximately a week to go from one phase to the next. When it is less than a quarter, it is given the familiar name crescent, and when it is larger than a quarter, it is called a gibbous moon.

The adjective waxing is used if it is getting larger night after night and waning if getting smaller.

Keep looking up during December! Take a break from holiday shopping and studying for exams, locate the ecliptic, and watch the moon move night after night.

Off the Shelf . . .

By Glen Johnson

Well, she didn't get it. But Joyce Carol Oates was definitely in the running for the National Book Award with *Blonde*, her bio—fiction of Marilyn Monroe. And right up to the last, she had a better than even chance to win with what many are calling her most ambitious work detailing the life of the world's famous movie star.

Jeff Shaara has tramp-tramp-tramped in his famous father Michael Shaara's footsteps with two Civil War novels of his own: *Gods and Generals* and *The Last Full Measure*. Now he's moved further back in time and further south in locale for his new novel *Gone for Soldiers*, and although this one deals with the Mexican War, all the old familiar Civil War characters are here (although 20

years younger), as well as Winfield Scott and Santa Anna.

With a title like *Pagan Babies*, how can one resist Elmore Leonard's latest? In it, Father Terry Dunn hears the strangest confession of his entire career which convinces him to leave his parish in Rwanda and return to his hometown of Detroit. The only problem is there's a five-year-old tax fraud indictment waiting for him in Detroit. Not the only question, but one of many, is whether Father Terry is really even a priest?

Business & Economics—*Mastering Real Estate Principles*, by Gerald R. Cortesi; *Statistics for Business and Economics*, by Debra Olman.

Fiction—*Dream Catcher*, by Margaret Ann Salinger; *Open House*, by Elizabeth Berg; *Purple Cane Road*, by James Lee Burke.

Future Issues

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assistant to the president of Shelton State. Wynn, the successful, high-profile former president of Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, was brought into the Shelton community by Dr. Rogers this fall.

The Fredd campus is undergoing changes and improvements. The President of our School Rick Rogers has named Dr. Cordell Wynn special assistant to the president. This position was made official Oct. 1, the position was made to help designate someone to improving the campus and the livelihood of the Fredd campus.

Wynn and the director of the Fredd campus, Bryant Melton, have already been working at several projects. They have managed to have the parking lot fixed, arrange for full food service to be effective by the coming fall, and most important of all, the students will be able to register for school at the Fredd campus also by the following fall—something that has not been possible in the past years.

Wynn and Melton are working on several different types of funding for the school. "It is a great pleasure to work side by side with a man like Bryant Melton on a day to day basis," said Wynn. Wynn says the specific focus is on the kids in their efforts to enhance the programs and the curriculum.

The C.A. Fredd campus will be-

come almost a self-sufficient campus, if all of the plans that Wynn and Melton have taken place. The campus offers various degrees and certificates in such technical fields as auto body, automotive technology, carpentry, computer science, commercial art, gerontological services, graphic design, landscape, and respiratory therapy. The Fredd campus also offers some classes in core curriculum.

The programs at Fredd have changed and keep improving, but according to the workers there, the same goal, the first priority, the students, remain the same. Well-qualified teachers and instructors are there to give hands-on training and supervision to all the students as well as leadership for the students.

"The great thing about the Fredd campus is that the classes are small and great individual attention is given to the students," says Valentino Eppes, a computer student. "The teachers really seem to care about us and what we do," he also said.

Dave Sanders, the carpentry instructor, loves his kids and says that they are always willing to take that extra step to learn. He also said the whole community is very supportive of the school and how it propels the youth in a positive direction. Sanders also said the school would be adding a plumbing and masonry program by next fall.

Georita Griffin, the auto body supervisor, loves her kids as well. "The campus and the facility are great and we always have all

the tools that we need to do our work with," Griffin said. She also seems to like the idea that the classes are small and you can do a lot of individual teaching. Delvin Johnson a student in Griffin's class says that the campus is great and close to his home and that he hasn't received the amount of hands-on supervision anywhere else he has been.

The two computer students Valentino Eppes and Roman Cephus that spoke to me were very positive as well, they both agreed that the individual attention and the great quiet atmosphere are both good bonuses to the learning atmosphere of the campus. The two students also concurred that the computers were very up to date and useful. In addition to the computer and the auto body department there are also many other fields those students can dwell and further their technical abilities.

In addition to the technical level there are also some academic classes that are offered; this includes a full-service library on the campus. Gene Mack, the supervisor of the library, says he really enjoys the students and appreciates the additions and changes that Wynn and Bryant have made.

The library resources are easy to use and find and mostly coincide with the school. Mack also concluded that the recognition of being an HBCU says a lot for the community and is a tribute to the late Chester A. Fredd.

President Rogers emphasizes the role the Fredd campus plays in the Shelton operation. "The Fredd campus is a vital part of the

Shelton State Community College. We will continue to offer programs that will keep it viable, both in the technical area and in the academic area."

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Fredd may want to visit there. It is located off of Martin Luther King Drive in the west-central part of Tuscaloosa. The Fredd campus offers full career counseling and an effective job placement office as well.



Bryant Melton serves as director of the Fredd campus

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through calculus III. Cochrane says all the math instructors at Shelton teach a variety of these math courses.

Cochrane received her undergraduate degree in 1965 and also received her masters degree in 1967 at the University of Alabama.

"I hope to see Shelton as one of the top community colleges in the nation in the near future," said Cochrane. "I am happy and excited about the direction and leadership shown by Dr. Rogers. I was eligible for retirement in September, but I chose to stay and I am thrilled with my decision."

The interim associate dean for the technical area is the longest-term employee that Shelton has: Lyda Black. She began her tenure on the old technical campus on 15th St. in 1975. "I have worked for four presidents—H.I. James, Leo Sumner, Tom Umphrey and now Rick Rogers. I have even seen

the name change three or four times!" Black says with a laugh.

One of the great benefits to Black of the new Martin campus is that it has taken her out

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—President Rick Rogers

of some traffic in fulfillment of her duties—but not all. "It used to be really dangerous going from the 15th St. campus to the Skyland. But I still have to travel—to the Fredd campus. But that is not quite so hard to get to, nor is the traffic so dangerous.

No matter who the next dean is, Black believes there is going to be a heavy emphasis on technical education in the years ahead. "My vision is that everything is going to be



Lyda Black is an interim associate dean for technical education

technical," says Black. "We are going to need technical workers in this society, people who can really do things and can really take direction. Somebody is going to have to train those workers, and that is where Shelton comes in. We will be doing more and more partnerships with business and industry. That is my vision of the future"



Linda Grote is an interim associate academic dean

Shelton to offer Food Services program again starting in the spring

The college will be offering the Commercial Food Service certificate program beginning in the spring semester. Former instructor Elizabeth Bailey will be teaching the classes until a new coordinator can be hired.

These classes incorporate fundamental quantity food preparation, basic nutrition and menu planning, and management training.

Classes that are required for this certificate include orientation to food service industry, basic food preparation, foundations in nutrition, sanitation safety and food service, food preparation: dairy products and eggs, food preparation: vegetables, fruits, and sauces, meat preparation and processing, table service, food service management, foundations of baking, cakes and desserts, food purchasing and cost control, cake decorating and also menu design classes.



Camille Cochrane is an interim associate academic dean

Music department publishes Christmas offerings around town

The music department at Shelton State will host a Christmas program on Dec. 4, at the Bean Brown Theatre at 7:30 p.m. The program will be open to the public.

The program will feature Shelton State Jazz Band under the direction of Glinda Blackshear. Dr. Mark Brown will be a guest conductor, and Syble Coats will serve as the accompanist.

Shelton Singers will

also perform Bach to Rock on Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. in the atrium. This program will also be open to the public.

Outside of school Shelton Singers will perform on Dec. 1, at the RISE Center, Dec. 4, at the Tuscaloosa County Kiwanis Club meeting, Dec. 8, at Vance Elementary and First Methodist Banquet, and on Dec. 9, at the West Alabama Mayor's Dinner and North River Yacht Club.

The Bach to Rock En-

semble is under the direction of Glinda Blackshear. The ensemble is an active musical group which performs throughout the school system in West Alabama and for various organizations.

The ensemble consist of: Mary Kathryn Perkins, Melanie McDaniel, Stefanie Harris, Lori Shelton, Jennifer Huggins, Allison Wilkes, CeRone Sullivan, Jonathan King, Tyler Jolly, Chris Miller, Peter Fowler, and Bobby Synder.



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The Cinemaniac

Are your neighbors really who they say they are? Well! In the new video release *Big Momma's House* may have you wondering.

Martin Lawrence, who portrays a FBI agent Malcolm Turner, has built a reputation as a master of disguises. He is sent to a small town in Georgia to capture a bank robber who's escaped from prison, he sets up a stakeout near the home of the con's girl-friend's long-lost grandmother (Ella Mitchell), an old woman known as Big Momma.

When Sherry, Big Momma's granddaughter, discovers that her ex-boyfriend, Lester, has escaped from prison she picks up her son Trent (Jasha Washington), and takes a vacation to Big Momma's. Only Big Momma is not there.

Turner decides to go deep undercover and impersonate the hefty Southern woman, including cooking soul food, singing gospel music, and even delivering babies.

This comedy unfolds into many directions and seems to keep the jokes coming. You will never be able to stop laughing. While also Turner experiences an emotional transformation as he falls for Sherry, the single mother, played by Nia Long.

If you're looking for something to keep you laughing look no farther then your nearest video store. This is diffidently a movie to see.

—By Danyelle Hunter

If you would like to contribute a review to Cinemaniac, drop by the Courier office—Room 2319

Interdimensional Transit System operates in the Mindseye

By Amber Mitchell

Rock with a twist of techno is the exciting fare of Mindseye and its debut album *Interdimensional Transit System*. With a combination of ethnic sounds and virtuoso playing on a variety of instruments, this band with Alabama roots seems to have a chance to make a national impact in the coming years.

In September, I had the opportunity to sit in with Minds Eye in a studio setting to hear then first hard during an interview on 90.7 in Tuscaloosa. The group displayed its passion on the number "Green." Fade on vocals, Larry Blewitt on drums and two

talented brothers, Kenneth Lovell and Andrew Lovell, on bass and guitar. Both of the brothers can play some 15-20 different instruments and displayed their expertise in the studio.

Having the dance to sit and watch these talented men compose and bring together their individual talents makes their album even more compelling. *Interdimensional Transit System* is a new look into the techno world and we can all expect great things to come of this group.

You can find their album at Whirly Gig, Vinyl solutions and on their web site at www.mindseyenetwork.com.

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Winn Dixie Market place to open near Shelton in February

By Mark Hughes

As the Taylorville community continues to grow, more and more business are continuing to flock to our area. The newest member to our community is the Winn Dixie Market place. The new market place is located off Hwy. 69, just as you enter the Shelton State Campus.

The advertising manager for Winn Dixie Marketplace, Gus Burstrum said, "The new Market Place is scheduled to open in early February, but I

can not clarify anything until around two weeks prior to the opening. Also we are not accepting any applications at this time, but plan to do so in the near future." The new Market Place will also bring several new businesses around the store.

The reaction from the community seems to be very positive, ready to welcome the new Market Place with open arms. David Snipes, a Shelton student, says, "I believe the new Winn Dixie will make our community

stronger; we can benefit from the increased business flow." The students say they are anxious to see all the new stores open. "The competition between Food World and the Winn Dixie is going to be great for us!" says Sam Davidson, now a University student, who lives in the Taylorville community.

More information on the Winn Dixie Marketplace can be had by calling one of the three existing locations—on University Blvd., Skyland or McFarland Blvd.

Love publishes on-line 'tips'

Tony Love, barbering professor, has written a study guide for students who are enrolled in cosmetology or doing an apprenticeship in salons. The study guide, *Tips to Passing the Cosmetology Stateboard Exam*, can be purchased through the internet by logging on to www.tonilove.com.

The study guide actually prepares the student for the practical part of the stateboard exam and focuses on the kit preparation as well as the dress code and helpful hints to make it in this industry.

Love has a Bachelor's Degree from Stillman College and a Masters Degree from the University of West Alabama. Love is

also pursuing an Educational Specialist Degree in Career and Technical Education from Alabama A&M University.

Love is also qualified to teach both cosmetology and barbering. Love taught cosmetology at Peter J. Kirksey Area Vocational Center in Eutaw, Ala. prior to employment at Shelton.

Love was solicited by Delmar Publishing to help pre-write the standard textbook of cosmetology, the 2001-2002 revised edition.

Love attended a focus group on Nov. 16, in Albany, N.Y., at the company's headquarters along with educators from New Mexico, Trinidad, Manhattan, Boston, and Atlanta.

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Deer hunting season opens with rough weather and few bucks

By Graham Tayloe and Brent Elliott

Deer hunting is an extremely popular sport in Alabama, but most Alabamians are restricted to weekend hunting. The weekend hunter this year has been plagued by foul weather, which results in poor deer movement. Another down-side of weekend hunting is crowded deer woods, which in effect creates nocturnal bucks.

Most hunters have experienced an over-crowded hunting situation. Here are some ways to be successful in over populated deer woods. One

way to benefit from the high pressure is to hunt in a staging area. As the season progresses deer movement doesn't necessarily decrease, it just decreases during day light hours.

This is when the staging areas come into play. A staging area is an area in between the bedding and feeding area where the deer will feel safe. Take a field for example; when hunting a staged pattern, a hunter would want to position his stand 100 to 300 yards in the woods off the field. This will allow the hunter to intercept deer that are holding up waiting for darkness to feed in the open. Hunting in these areas will increase your success

in high-pressure hunting.

Also due to the shortage of the acorn supply, caused by and extremely dry summer, deer are forced to feed in the open fields much earlier in the season, which is an advantage. Although other sources of food are available, dryness will prevent wildlife from getting much-needed nutrients.

Another way to be successful on a nocturnal deer or over hunted deer is to hunt during mid-day when most other hunters are back at camp telling stories. Mid-day between ten and two o'clock is a highly effective time to harvest high pressure bucks.

High-pressure deer will, in a sense learn the hunter's pattern. A mature buck is not stupid, he will feel the pressure of the traditional morning and afternoon hunting and as a result become nocturnal or move during mid-day. Using these strategies will increase your success or pressured white tails.

Matthew Cole, an amateur hunter, bagged his first buck this year from a wheat field in northern Tuscaloosa County. Hank Atchison, an avid hunter, bagged an enormous 11-point buck while feeding in an open sage field located in Dallas County. Tayloe, also an avid hunter, bagged an impressive 8-point

buck with his bow while hunting in an open field in Sumter County. Each of these hunters were successful due to the early foraging of deer in open fields.

Retired Wildlife Biologist, Tony Wiggins said, "Deer don't depend primarily on acorns, they depend on browse about four or five feet above ground." This hunting season, hunters will notice the different paths taken by deer. Techniques for killing the "big buck" will change this year due to the drought and shortage of available food sources. Wiggins suggests that hunters take out female deer this season to insure a healthier herd next season.



Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Men storm out of the gates

By Thomas Canterbury

The Shelton State men's basketball team has been quick out of the blocks this season.

The Bucs began the year with a five game winning streak before losing in the finals of the Buffalo Rock Pensacola Junior College Thanksgiving Tournament. Still, a 5-1 early season record has pleased coach Barry Mohan.

"We were real pleased with the season and the tournament in particular," Mohan said. "Even the game we lost was a learning experience."

After opening the season with two big home victories, the team won their

first close game of the year Nov. 13 with a 102-99 home victory over Snead State of Boaz.

The team then set out for Pensacola and the Thanksgiving Tournament.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Bucs opened the tournament by defeating Delgado of New Orleans 109-104.

In the next round of the round-robin tournament, Shelton beat Columbia (Tenn.) Community College 87-77 on Nov. 24, making Nov. 25th's game against the host school Pensacola Junior College the championship game.

Pensacola won the championship in a shoot-out 120-105.

Three sophomores have

led the way for the Bucs so far this season. "Rodney Bias, Derrick Wright and Ulysses Jenkins have really been playing well," Mohan said. "They have provided important leadership on and off the court." Bias currently leads the team with an average of 23 points per game.

Despite the stellar start, Coach Mohan knows the team must continue to improve to compete with other teams in the state.

"We must still get better," Mohan said. "We are still concerned about defense and rebounding."

The men play five more games before Christmas break, with one home game, Sat. Dec. 9, against Northwest-Shoals at 7:30 p.m.

Women start slowly again

By Thomas Canterbury

Last year, the Shelton State women's basketball team got off to a slow start, and then went on to win the state championship and advance to the national final four.

Coaches, players and fans are looking for a repeat of that scenario as the team has gotten off to a 1-3 record.

"The key to turning the season around will be improvements in one-on-one defense and shooting game speed shots and getting them to fall," head coach Madonna Thompson said.

After a season opening home loss, the Lady

Bucs travelled to Collinwood, Tenn. losing to Columbia State on Nov. 11.

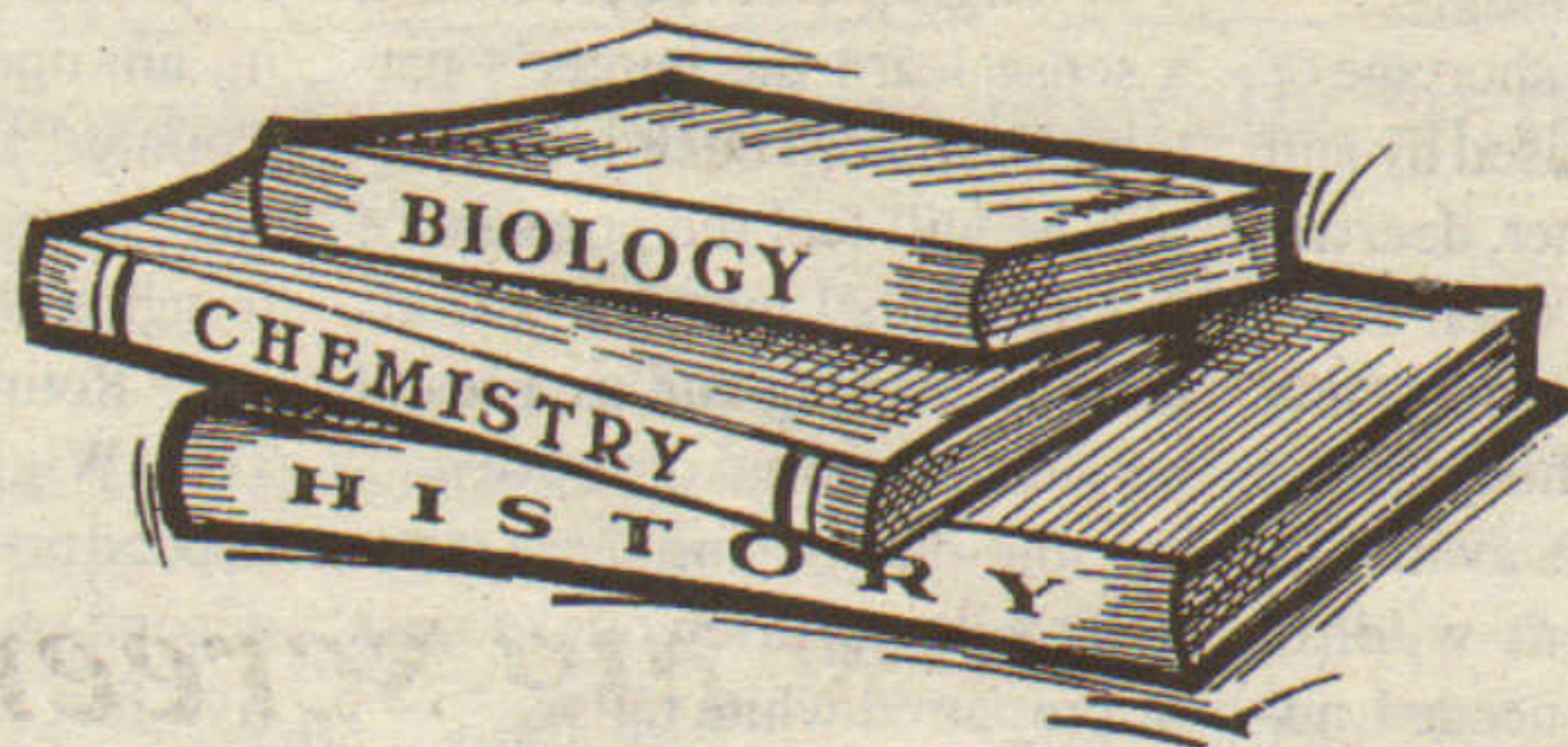
The team then returned home on Nov. 13, losing a heartbreaker 69-67 to Snead State of Boaz.

Shelton broke into the win column Nov. 21 by defeating Wallace of Dothan in Dothan.

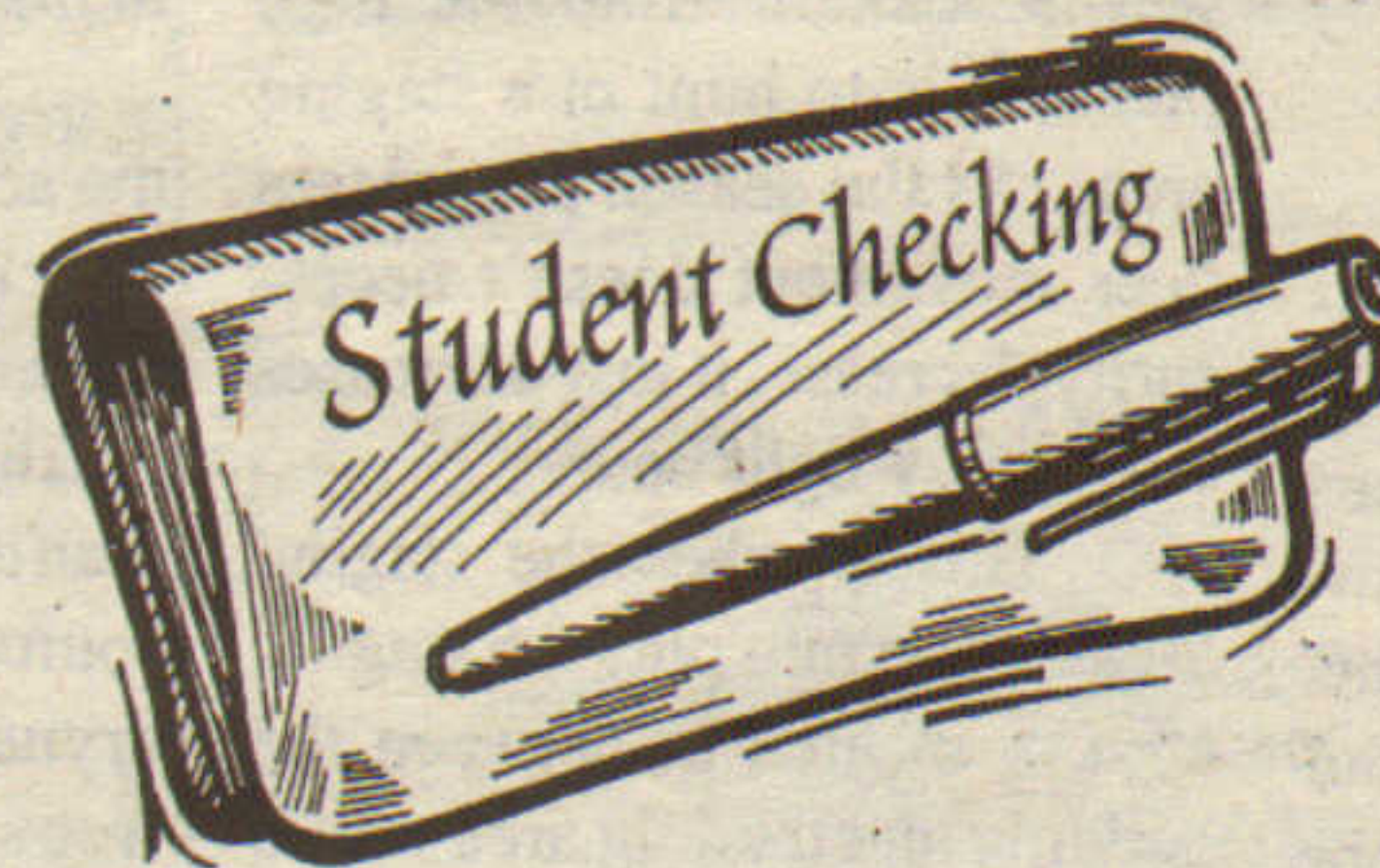
"We started to come together in Dothan," Thompson said.

The Lady Bucs compete in the Delgado Tournament in New Orleans Dec. 1 and 2. After the tournament, they play four games before Christmas break, with one home game, Sat. Dec. 9, against Northwest-Shoals at 5:30 p.m.

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If you are interested in Bible studies and a chance to fellowship with students who share your same interests, Baptist Campus Ministries is the place for you.

Baptist Campus Ministries are looking for college students to hold council positions for the upcoming year. If there is an interest in this, come to a meeting and learn more about it.

Meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. in front of the meeting rooms in the food court area.

Club News

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary society for two-year colleges. The qualifications needed include a GPA of 3.5 or better in a total of at least 12 semester hours.

Each semester a list is printed to inform new students that they are now qualified for PTK.

The topic of the year is water.

For Christmas this year they will help Toys for Tots. They are selling stockings for \$10 or you may bring a stuffed stocking.

To all PTK members meetings are held at noon in the Green room on Mondays.

Circle K

is an organization that was founded in 1940. There is over 500 clubs and at least 15,000 meetings.

Their three main concerns are community service, leadership, and also fellowship.

One weekend out of each month they take trips to other schools. This is where they meet with other clubs and officers.

Circle K is a extremely busy club. Members in the past helped with Miracle Riders, a therapeutic program to help handicapped or mentally challenged people.

Ambassadors

Interviews for Ambassadors for the spring semester are the week of Dec. 4-8.

An Ambassador at Shelton is really a spokes person for the school. They host most large functions held here at Shelton.

They are required to have a 2.5 GPA. There are interviews each semester. This scholarship is \$250 towards books.

Any other club wishing its news in the paper should contact the Courier at 391-2406.

Write to Santa via Shelton

Watch your child's eyes light up when they receive a personalized letter from Santa Claus. The Shelton State Community College Alumni Association will once again prepare and mail your child a letter personalized just for them.

To have your child receive a letter from Santa, please send your child's name, nickname, age, siblings, address, telephone number, wish list, and tell something about your child such as hobbies, school, etc. to Ronda Shirley at Box 199. The cost is \$5. If you have any questions, you may call Ronda at ext. 2252. Deadline for requesting a

Santa letter is Dec. 15.

The proceeds from the Santa Letters go to help a needy family during the Holidays. Director of the Shelton State Alumni Association, Lucy Kubiszyn, started the Santa letter about four years ago.

The association helped one needy family last year through the Community Outreach Program.

The family of a former Shelton student, who was shot and killed, with four children received the money last year.

Shirley, the coordinator of the Santa letters, said the group raises \$200-300 per year.

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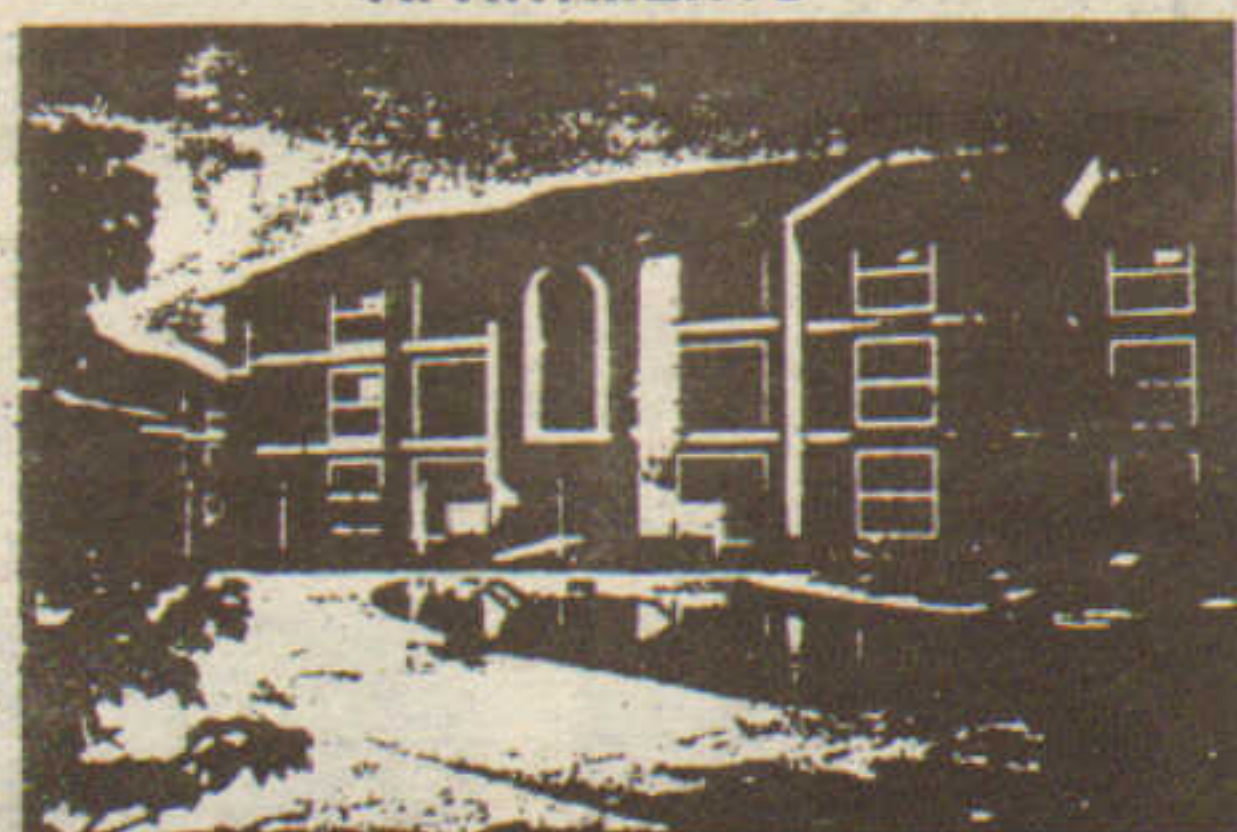
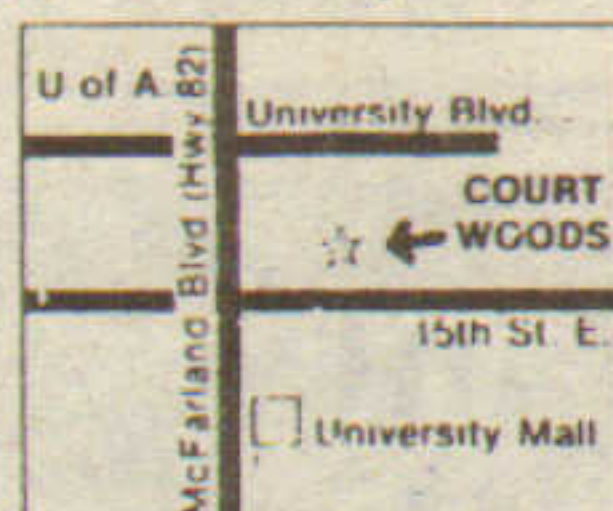
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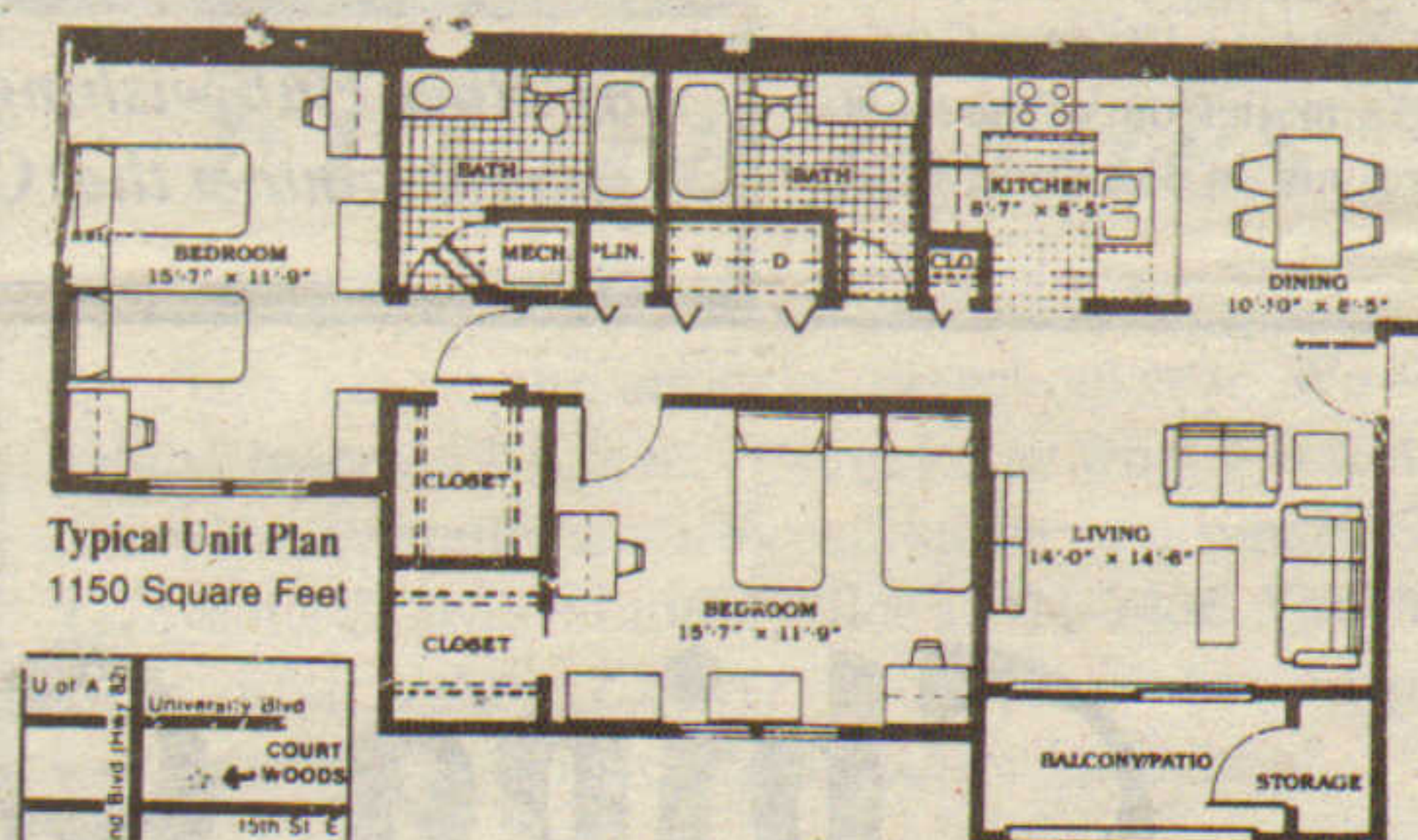
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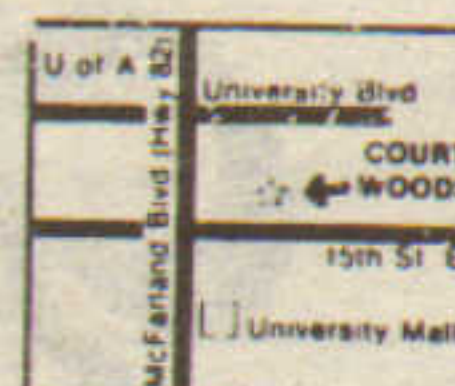
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